

ABSTRACT

**COMBINING A PLURALITY OF IMAGES AND TRANSFORMING AN IMAGE
HAVING ASSOCIATED META-DATA**

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The method combines a plurality of images. The images each have associated meta-data comprising meta-data element(s) having merging attribute tag(s). The merging attribute describes an action to be taken with the corresponding meta-data element when the images are combined. The method first reads (104) the attribute(s) of the images to identify the action(s) and then combines the meta-data elements of the images in accordance with said action(s). In another embodiment, the method transforms an image.

Fig. 1A.

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